

BREST MAKES SPEED RECORD

Was First in Transferring Soldiers from Ships to Shore.

By LOWELL MELLET.
Brest, Feb. 24.—While every effort is being strained here to get the boys home as fast as possible, it is not a race. The reason is that Brest, having outdistanced all other ports in the great race for Berlin, has no serious competitors in the race for home.

"The race for Berlin" was between Bordeaux, St. Nazaire, Havre, Marseilles, Boulogne and Calais. It began in November, 1917, and was designed to show which port organization was the most efficient. Brest accomplished eight weeks' theoretical work in forwarding troops and material in six weeks and two days.

Brest Makes Record.

When the armistice was signed 97,148 troops had passed through this port. The first boat, arriving in November, 1917, required seventeen days to discharge its cargo. On May 24, 1918, sixteen boats arrived with 42,152 troops and were discharged within twenty-four hours. On July 15, 22,000 troops were discharged in twelve hours. The Leviathan, on its first trip to Liverpool, spent forty-two days there, before its return to America. On its second trip to Liverpool it spent thirty days. She arrived in Brest on May 2, with 8,512 troops, discharged them, recoaled, and departed in eighty-one hours. The next day a British official arrived in Brest to see if it was possible for the Americans to better Liverpool's record. He found the ship gone. Admiral Sims receiving a message relating to the performance, thought there was a mistake and asked for verification. The confirmatory message was received while he was in the office of a British admiral. He kicked his hat to the ceiling and shouted. On its next trip the Leviathan discharged 10,388 troops in twenty-nine and a half hours and recoaled in forty-nine and a half hours.

In August the city of Brest suffered an influenza epidemic. There were many deaths among the French inhabitants, but the army's precautions prevented the disease from spreading to the troops working on the docks and at Camp Pontzenzen. The same was true when transports began arriving from America, bringing victims of influenza and pneumonia.

A terrible storm blew down many tents the night of January 6. This year, unhoused 1,500 men. Butcher ordered all kitchens fired up and dinner served. Bombers were started and bands played. A disastrous incident was thus turned into a lively midnight picnic, while accommodations were being improved.

The spirit displayed in these various situations described is responsible for the present efficient organization, which led Charles Rowan a few days ago to write a personal note of commendation on the lines in the camp. Likewise, it has led dozens of men to volunteer to remain for permanent assignments, thinking they were required to sail for home.

SEDITIONARY SPEECHES PLACED UNDER BAN

Red Flag Bill Approved by Senate Judiciary Committee.

The Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday reported the Red Flag bill, which heavily penalizes seditious anarchist speeches and activities. Objection by Senator Gore, Oklahoma, prevented immediate consideration of the measure. Its provisions prohibit the display of the Red Flag and speech, writing or propaganda aimed at overthrow of the United States government, through general strikes or other means. Use of the mails for anarchist or Bolshevik propaganda is prohibited. Penalty for violations is a fine of \$5,000, five years imprisonment, or both. Senator Walsh, Montana, gave notice he will demand action on the bill today.

PRESIDENT THANKS WARTIME COMMISSION

Expresses Gratitude to Churchmen for Welcome Home.

New York, Feb. 24.—The general wartime commission of the churches today received a message of thanks from President Wilson in reply to a wireless message expressing hope of world peace through a league of nations.

The commission's message read: "On behalf of the general wartime commission of the churches we welcome you home. We earnestly desire success for your efforts to secure world peace through a league of nations and to meet the world's need for an established and righteous order of international relationship."

The President replied: "Your message has given me the greatest pleasure and encouragement and I beg that you will express my warmest thanks and gratitude for it."

Keystone State Society Elects First Officers

"The Keystone State Society" was organized at the gathering of the sons and daughters of native Pennsylvanians at Wardman Park Inn last night.

Officers of the new society were elected as follows: President, Mrs. L. H. Greene; vice president, Mrs. Margaret Hopkins Wreell; secretary, Miss Alta Clayton and treasurer, Miss Clara Burkett.

HONESTY IS THE BEST policy, but unfortunately not every one is wedded to the theory, so it's wise to keep valuables beyond easy reach.

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES in our armor-plated vaults provide maximum security at minimum cost.

Inspect our vault equipment.

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Fifty-third Year

Latest Picture of Wounded Peace Conference President



CLEMENCEAU
This is the latest picture of the president of the world Peace Conference, premier of France, Georges Clemenceau. It was snapped as he was leaving his house to go to the Peace Conference session a few days before the assassin, Cottin, attempted to kill him.

ECKINGTON CAR BARN DESTROYED BY FLAMES, TWELVE CARS LOST

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ing, taking no chances on the disabling of the delicate generators. All the records of the company were carried to safety under the T street bridge.

Fire Quickly Controlled.

Reports of the number of cars in the barns vary from twenty-eight to fifty, but W. M. Tracy, superintendent of transportation, said early this morning that he did not believe that more than twelve cars were totally destroyed.

Chief Wagner attributed the fire to a short circuit, together with the oil-saturated surroundings and the high electric voltage wires.

J. R. Bowings, night foreman, was in charge of the barn when the flames burst out at 10:25 o'clock from car No. 500 which had been run into the northwest end of the large shed, known as the "old barn."

Traffic was tied up for about two hours on the Brookland and city and suburban lines. Thousands of suburbanites were saved the necessity of walking home or staying in the city by the quick repair of an auxiliary current. This was gotten by tapping the underground trolley, which is fed by the Benning plant, and connecting this to the overhead trolley.

Gutted by Water.

The home of R. S. Thomas, 1945 Fourth street northeast, was badly gutted by water. Thomas also made a hasty attempt to move the furniture from his residence.

Mrs. George Warren, 1941 Fourth street northeast, carried many valuable possessions to the home of a friend.

Nearby houses, only fifty feet from the burning barn, were built of wood. Residents sought to save their home by turning garden hose on the heat-blistered walls. Many window panes were broken, while back porches and doors were scorched.

Amir of Afghanistan Reported Assassinated

London, Feb. 24.—The Amir of Afghanistan has been assassinated, it was announced in official dispatches received here today.

Habibullah Khan, Amir of Afghanistan, succeeded to the throne in 1901. He was 46 years old.

You stand up for the National Anthem. Now stand up and pay your income tax.

We are proud of our American war record, and we are going to complete our tasks. One of them is

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AFTER "FLU" SAYS HE ACHE IN EVERY JOINT

Felt "All-In" and Was Very Weak—His Wife Nursed Him.

BOTH TAKE HYPO-COD, NOW FEELING FINE

"I had a particularly severe attack of the 'Flu' and it left me in a weak, aching, sore and rundown condition," declared a Washingtonian whose name is given below. "I had a high fever and ached in every joint and felt all-in, and got a bottle of Hypo-Cod in hopes I could get back on my feet. It surely is great medicine all right."

"My appetite came right back, my cough has almost entirely disappeared already and I enjoy sleep at night once more. I recommend it now because of the splendid results that it has given not only in my own case, but also because of the help it has given my wife in strengthening her and holding her up all through the trying time of my illness," declared W. Burns 12 D st. S. E., Washington, D. C.

Thousands of people in Washington are using Hypo-Cod and finding it the finest tonic for use after long wasting illness. It builds and strengthens the system quickly and brings back the old weight, energy, ambition, and appetite. It banishes the chronic cough, chest soreness, bronchial, catarrhal and kindred symptoms so often experienced after the "Flu," Pneumonia or La Grippe. Get a bottle tonight. The formula of this splendid preparation is on each bottle. It is not a "patent" medicine and comes highly recommended by doctors, druggists and the public generally. We gladly prepay Hypo-Cod anywhere upon receipt of \$1.20.—People's Five Drug Stores, Washington, D. C.—Adv.

MUTINY CHARGE MEETS DENIAL

Yeomen (F) Declare Herald Statements Regarding Drill Were Erroneous.

To the Editor of The Washington Herald: In answer to the article appearing in the morning edition of The Washington Herald of February 24, we, the majority of the Yeomen (F), forming the unit now in preparation for the Welcome Home Parade, contradict the incorrect statements made in said article.

An erroneous impression has been given of Chief Yeoman McBride, the originator and organizer of the battalion, which owes its existence to her untiring efforts and intercession with Capt. Lanning. It was she who enlisted the aid of Ensign O'Neill as battalion commander, and Ensign Nottley, Chief Machinist Mate Schluster and Seamen Pearce and Pinnel as drill masters.

Having turned the military control of the organization over to Ensign O'Neill it was impossible for her to have given the alleged command ordering the Fifth Company off the field, the direct command being given by Ensign O'Neill and transmitted by her to the commander of the Fifth Company.

Pledge Intense Loyalty.

We, a delegation composed of members from all the companies, state that there is no mutiny or feeling other than an intense loyalty and gratitude for her untiring and unflinching efforts on our behalf.

Owing to the order that uniform shoes be worn the day of the parade, permission was given to wear non-

regulation shoes while others were being made to conform to regulation.

We wish to state again that Miss McBride commands the entire respect and admiration of the Yeomen (F) force, the naval officers standing back of this movement and the Navy Department in general.

Signed: Julia Hammill, Mrs. S. Anderson, M. A. Young, Olive Smith, Myrtle Bradshaw, M. E. Wilson, G. Spottiswood, M. DePalme, Margaret McGurn, D. Sisk, Rachel Cummings, Zaidie Leith, D. Haslup, Rose Stokes, L. Larned, E. A. Celley, I. Beatty, C. G. Phany, R. H. Luckett, E. Skelley, Zuluine Summers, M. Rathbone, Grace Byrnes, S. Howard, D. Trout.

NAME PLAZA FOR WILSON

Serbian Representatives Hear of Council Action.

President Wilson's name will soon be on the lampposts in every corner of Europe. The Serbian representatives here yesterday received from Belgrade a dispatch stating that the municipal council of that city had unanimously resolved to give to the plaza facing the main railroad station in Belgrade the name "President Wilson Place."

The information will be conveyed to the President upon his return tomorrow.

Gen. Young, Confederate Cavalry Leader, Dead

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 24.—Gen. Bennett H. Young, former commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, is dead here today, following a brief illness.

Gen. Young won fame as a cavalry leader during the civil war, serving with Morgan, Stuart and Mosby.

ROYAL WEDDING STIRS SOCIETY

Bride Thursday—Social Princess Patricia to Be Week Begins.

London, Feb. 24.—The most brilliant social week in years began here tonight. The chief event will be the celebration of the marriage Thursday of Princess Patricia, of Connaught, with the British commander, Alexander Ramsay, a commander in the British navy.

Despite the great gathering of royalty in the Westminster Abbey, including the King and Queen, all men and boys of the royal family, and the crown princess of Sweden, "Princess Pat's" only sister, the romantic wedding will not be like former royal marriage functions.

No court dress will be worn, and the women will be able to wear the brightest and smartest spring toilets.

Contrary to custom, "Princess Pat" will not promise to "obey." Her rich Venetian bridal robe of white hangs in straight and graceful lines, and a cloth train of silver sweeps out from her shoulders.

Over her hair will be drawn an antique Brussels lace veil which belonged to Queen Charlotte.

Rare pearls will encircle her throat and in her corsage she will wear the famous maple leaf diamond presented to her mother by Canadian friends. The eight bridesmaids will be headed by Princess Mary.

Tonight hundreds of members of the court and of the diplomatic corps viewed the wedding gifts, which include many from American friends, at an evening party given at St.

James palace by King George and Queen Mary.

Tomorrow the Duke of Connaught and "Princess Pat" will give an afternoon party to personal friends. Thursday noon the Archbishop of Canterbury will perform the wedding ceremony, which is to be followed by a royal luncheon. The guard of honor will be formed by Princess Pat's regiment.

After the wedding the couple will go on their honeymoon in the country. They will live at St. James palace.

RUSS AMBASSADOR TO HELP COMMITTEE

David R. Francis Scheduled to Appear at Bolshevik Probe.

David R. Francis, Ambassador to Russia, is expected to appear Wednesday before the Overman subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee investigating the spread of Bolshevism in the United States.

Friends of Mr. Francis, who arrived from Europe with President Wilson, declare that his testimony before the committee will shed more light upon the activities of the Bolsheviks and the Soviet government in Russia, than has yet been given.

Asks National Referendum On League of Nations

A bill providing for a nationwide referendum on the league of nations was introduced in the House yesterday by Representative Lundeen, Minnesota.

Woman Gets 10-Year Term

Atlanta, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Stella Abbott, convicted of voluntary manslaughter in shooting and killing her husband, John H. Abbott, on January 27, was sentenced today by Judge Humphries to serve ten years in the State prison at Milledgeville.

ALEXANDRIA

THE HERALD BUREAU. A. S. Douglas. 72 Elm Street.

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 24.—The chamber of commerce has appealed to the merchants to decorate next Thursday in honor of the launching of the big freighter, Gunston Hall, which will take place at 4 o'clock that afternoon, at the yards of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation.

All merchants are asked to decorate their places of business and also decorate automobiles in honor of the event and also close their places of business at noon.

On that occasion there will be hundreds of visitors in the city and it is expected that Alexandrians in general will comply with this request.

John W. Morrison, district deputy grand exalted ruler, tonight paid an official visit to Alexandria Lodge, No. 102, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He made a speech during the evening. Officers were nominated by the lodge and afterward there was a social session.

A musical entertainment will be given Friday evening in the Young People's building under the auspices of the Henry Knox Field Bible Class of the M. E. Church South. Talent from Camp Humphreys will take part.

Ernest Simpson and Bishop Arnold have been confirmed as trustees of the M. E. Church South in the Corporation Court. They take the places of the late F. L. Ludwig and J. T. Harding.

Only \$99,000,000 Mistake.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 24.—Evidently a mistake has been made in assessing Dauphin County coal lands. Last year they were valued at \$100,000,000. This year's figure is \$99,000,000. The property hasn't changed.

... and with the 200 men who sailed for the Peace Conference

A fact:

For the 200 or more men of note who sailed on the George Washington for the Peace Conference, more than a dozen different brands of cigarettes were carried in stock by the ship's "canteen." Of these, the cigarette carried and sold in far the largest quantity was Fatima.

Loggatt & Myers Tobacco Co.

FATIMA

A Sensible Cigarette

NOTE—The really big man hasn't any use for "frills." He appreciates the plain but practical Fatima package because he realizes the extra value that's put into the cigarette itself. But chiefly, it's Fatima's taste and the fact that it tastes never "talk back" that keeps warm the friendship of so many men for Fatima.

